



Asking questions: developing a gender integration guide for local adaptation practice

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The project: a competence network

Our aims:

- a) Increase gender competences among local adaptation/mitigation practitioners
 - through discussions with equal opportunity commissioners and gender researchers
- b) Establish a national network of experts



Workshop formats

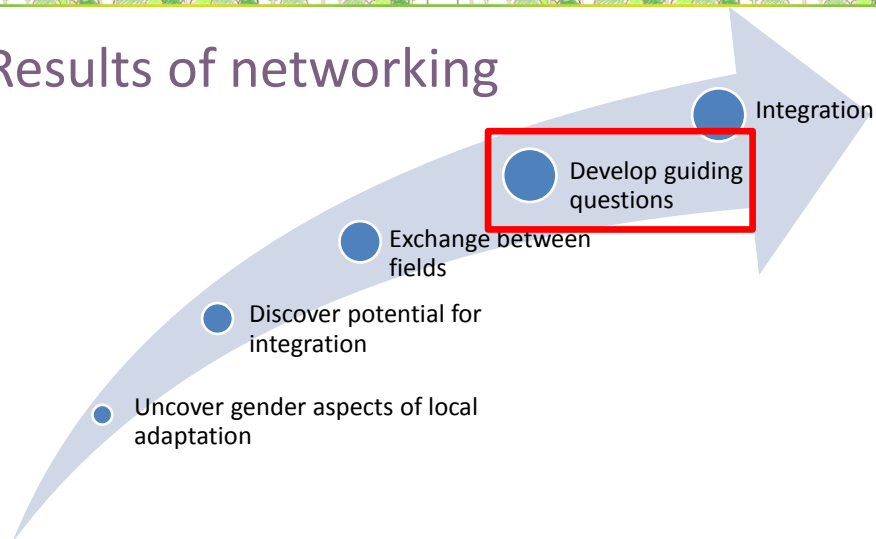
- 1 year, 3 workshops, 1 conference
- Conversations between practitioners in climate change adaptation and mitigation & gender equality, gender studies

➤ **What is needed to target integration?**

➤ **Barriers?**



Results of networking





Possible questions for health & climate change:

- Are language and images suitable for specific target groups? Is the language gender-sensitive? Are stereotypes perpetuated by using certain images?
- Do you propose measures that rely on behavior change and/or incur costs? Costs could refer to money, i.e. for electricity, but also time, i.e. time spent to care for relatives during heat episodes. Are these costs fairly distributed among genders and among different societal groups?



Possible questions for food & climate change

- **Which assumptions about food consumption and related resource use are concepts based on?**
 - in how far are differences between different societal groups and their respective food and resource consumption considered?
- **Which distinctive features characterize these different groups, i.e. regarding available time, income inequality, cultural differences, access to food sources, knowledge about nutrition?**
- For adaptation: how are urban gardening activities spatially distributed in cities? Which groups participate in these activities, which do not?



Opportunities

- Gender justice links to social justice
- **Socio**-technological approaches to adaptation and mitigation
- Gender mainstreaming requirements can be fulfilled



Questions not yet answered

- Our idea of (gender) justice: derived from which criteria? (whose justice?)
- Reference = white male middle class Global North? Alternatives?
- Adding gender = increased complexity of climate policy/adaptation measures. Conflict between complexity and acceptance?
- To whom do we assign responsibility to achieve integration of gender and climate?



Questions? Thoughts?

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Consider gender aspects for multiple benefits

- Satisfy gender mainstreaming requirements
- Cross-benefits of gender equality for labor market, health, social justice
- Social innovation added to technological innovation for better climate adaptation



Limitations

- Asking questions doesn't automatically translate into actual consideration!
- Evaluation approaches beyond numbers?
- Responsibilities distributed among sectors